Opening up of coal sector to private sector investment

261. SHRIMATI N. P. OURGA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are taking measures to remove the control that the CIL is enjoying with regard to supply of coal to domestic consumers;

(b) if so, whether it is a part of the move in view of Government's decision to amend the Coal (Nationalization) Act, to open up coat sector to private sector investments;

(c) the total number of coal blocks in the country with CIL and the production of coal in these blocks during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for (a) above and whether any political consensus have been arrived at with regard to (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (d) Government is allotting Coal blocks to State Government companies, Public Sector Undertakings and specified end users to increase coal production from sources other than Coal India Limited. A Bill to amend Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act and to further open coal sector, is pending in Rajya Sabha from April, 2000.

Apart from the existing mines, there are 241 coal blocks with CIL for replacement of production due to exhaustion of reserves etc. in existing mines and to meet the additional production. The Statement showing the State-wise production during the years 2001 -02 to 2005-06 by CIL is enclosed.

Statement

State-wise production during the years 2001-02 to 200546 by CIL

State	Company	2001-02 Actual	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
West Bengal	ECL	17.31	16.17	15.34	18.50	17.41
	BCCL	0.57	0.60	0.59	0.23	0.23
	SUB-TOTAL	17.88	16.77	15.93	18.73	17.64

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Orissa	ECL	11.24	11.01	12.66	10.75	13.70
	BCCL	24.68	23.55	22.10	22.09	23.08
	CCL	33.81	36.98	37.33	37.39	40.51
	SUB-TOTAL	69.73	71.54	72.09	70.23	77.30
Orissa	MCL	47.80	52.23	60.05	66.06	69.60
	BCCL					
	SUB-TOTAL	47.80	52.23	60.05	66.06	69.60
Uttar Pradesh	NCL	18.53	17.78	15.79	16.64	15.72
Madhya Pradesh	NCL	25.93	27.32	31.24	33.31	35.80
	WCL	6.17	6.46	6.61	6.88	709
	SECL	12.12	11.95	11.94	12.39	12.42
	SUB-TOTAL-	44.22	45.73	49.80	52.58	55.30
Chhattisgarh	SECL	52.00	54.65	59.07	66.16	70.61
Maharastra	WCL	30.84	31.36	32.91	34.53	36.12
Assam	NEC	0.64	0.63	0.73	0.63	1.10
	TOTAL-CIL	279.69	290.69	306.36	323.58	343.380

Production and supply of coal

262. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of production and supply of coal by Coal India Limited during the last three years;

(b) whether CIL has developed any new mining areas to increase coal production during the above-mentioned period; and

(c) if so, the plans of CIL to increase production in order to meet the requirements of industries for power generation?